

Approximately 150 University of Maine students have taken part in the program since its inception. I have been fortunate to have the assistance of 5 able University of Maine interns during my tenure here. Two of them have gone on to join my staff, which speaks highly of the caliber of students Professor Palmer has selected to participate.

I am told that many former interns report that the five months they spent in Washington constituted the most significant learning experience in their undergraduate careers. Graduates of the program have distinguished themselves in various careers, especially law, business, and public service.

Recently, Ken Palmer announced that he will be stepping down from his post and handing the reins over to another professor. He leaves large shoes to fill.

I am pleased to congratulate Professor Palmer on all that he has achieved with the Congressional Internship Program. He has set a fine example for other academic institutions to follow.

HONORING CHARLES F. RYAN

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a longtime friend and colleague, Charles F. Ryan, who will be inducted as President of the Bergen County Bar Association Friday, May 5, 2000. This is another milestone in Chuck's outstanding career, which is distinguished by his constant dedication to using his expertise in the law to improve the lives of people throughout Bergen County, New Jersey.

After serving three years of active duty in the United States Marine Corps where he rose to the rank of Sergeant, Chuck pursued a Bachelor's Degree at the University of Notre Dame. Chuck then came home to New Jersey, where he earned his law degree at Rutgers University.

Ever the activist, Chuck involved himself in the Young Lawyers Section of the Bergen County Bar Association, first as a member and later as its president. For four years, Chuck also co-edited the Young Lawyer Section's publication, *Hearsay*. The success of *Hearsay* led the Bergen County Bar Association to establish its own newspaper, *Barrister*, for which Chuck has been a valued contributor and author of the "Family Law/Around the Courthouse" column.

One common denominator in Chuck's work is that he constantly strives to expand access to the legal system and make it work better for those involved. Chuck represented the Bergen County Bar Association for five years on the Board of Directors of Bergen County Legal Services, and helped develop the Legal Services Board's annual Pro Bono Award Program which recognizes the contributions to the public good made by lawyers and law firms in the Bergen County.

In this same vein, Chuck founded the Alternatives to Domestic Violence Lawyers Referral Panel 14 years ago, and he remains a coordinator on the panel to this day. Chuck gathered

lawyers from throughout Bergen County practicing matrimonial law, with particular experience and knowledge in the area of domestic violence, to provide emergency consultation and representation to victims of domestic violence. These lawyers agree to accept no fees, or work on a sliding-scale fee, according to the ability of the client to pay. With this expertise, the Bergen County Bar Association tapped Chuck two years ago to establish and co-chair the Bergen County Domestic Violence Pro Bono Lawyers Project, which has recruited and trained 89 lawyers to represent domestic violence victims. Fittingly, Chuck was honored last year by both the New Jersey State Senate and the New Jersey General Assembly for his tireless efforts on behalf of victims of domestic violence.

Though these accomplishments testify to Chuck's efforts in the professional arena, he is also an active member of the Bergen County community. Chuck is married and is the father of four children, and works in both private practice and as a prosecutor in Park Ridge, New Jersey. He is a former Commander of the Midland Park/Wyckoff Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7086, and is Director of the Midland Park Chamber of Commerce. Chuck has also been a coach on the Midland Park Soccer, Little League Baseball, Little League Softball, and Girls Basketball teams, and has served as a guest lecturer on family law at Montclair State College and Rutgers Law School.

Mr. Speaker I have been fortunate to know and work with Chuck Ryan for the past 20 years and I am proud to count him as a dear friend. I wish him the best of luck on his induction as President of the Bergen County Bar Association, and expect him to thrive in that position as he has in every other task he has taken on in his life.

TRIBUTE TO JANET R. HENKE

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor and great pleasure today to recognize the extensive service of the Honorable Janet R. Henke to the people of the City of Whittier. Janet Henke has long been an active and dedicated member of the community and for the past eight years has served as a member of the Whittier City Council, including one two-year term as mayor from 1996 to 1998.

Councilwoman Henke has a long history of involvement in education and the arts. Through the Whittier Presbyterian Church, she served as a youth choir director for twenty-two years, starting in 1960, and as the preschool music director for seven years. From 1977 to 1986, Mrs. Henke worked for the Montebello Unified School District.

Janet Henke's community service has included serving as a program chair of the PTA; Ruling Elder of the Whittier Presbyterian Church; member of the Friends of the Whittier Hills; Co-Vice-President and President of the Whittier Area Education Study Council; President of the Shelters Right Hand; and as a di-

rector on the boards of the YMCA, Rio Hondo Temporary Home and the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts.

For sixteen years from 1973 to 1989, Mrs. Henke served as a trustee on the Whittier City School Board. She served as vice president of the board for three years and another three years as president. Mrs. Henke's recognized commitment to education was further evidenced by being elected four times, from 1978 to 1985, to serve in the Delegate Assembly of the California School Board Association.

Mr. Speaker, it takes dedicated individuals who are committed to serving their community—individuals like Janet R. Henke—to build strong, vibrant, livable towns and cities. The people of Whittier are indeed fortunate to have enjoyed the benefits of decades of generous public service by this outstanding American and leader. I am proud of my friendship with Janet, and extend to her the best wishes for every continued happiness and fulfillment.

ENACTMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S
ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION
ACT

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the enactment of the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). The Act requires operators of World Wide Web sites to obtain verifiable parental consent before collecting, using, or disseminating information about children under 13 years of age.

Representing a Congressional District which contains many of the world leaders in E-Commerce has given me a first hand opportunity to view the importance of privacy online. Consumers will not partake in business online without full assurance that their personal information will remain private. Though children are frequently more Web adept than their parents, they often lack the judgment and experience to deal with requests for their personal information, especially those request made from strangers. COPPA gives notice to both Web sites and parents of their responsibilities to protect children's privacy.

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act prohibits unfair and deceptive acts in connection with the collection and use of personal information from and about children on the Internet. It will serve to enhance parental involvement in a child's online activities, protect the privacy of children in the online environment, maintain the security of children's personal information collected online and limit the collection of this information without parental consent. Failure to follow the guidelines of the Act will result in fines in excess of \$10,000 and the possible closure of the Web site.

This act directly follows the five core principles of privacy protection, set forth by the FTC, which represent 'fair information practices': (1) Notice/Awareness; (2) Choice/Consent; (3) Access/Participation; (4) Integrity/Security; and (5) Enforcement/Redress. While the online industry has made great strides in protecting consumer privacy online, we need